



Rivers Management and Protection Program Protected River Sign Opportunity for Municipalities



New Hampshire's 15 Designated Rivers are recognized as significant resources to the state. They are important geographic features, as well as significant contributors to the state's economy, tourism, and recreational industries. The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) offers communities the opportunity to display NH Protected River signs, which help to identify their river's importance to the area's natural and cultural heritage. Protected River signs are available to all local advisory committees and their corridor communities.

Sign Locations

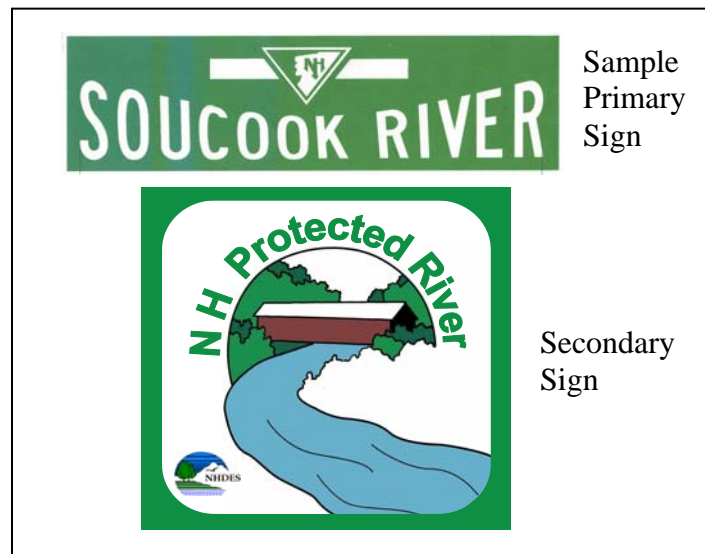
Signs may be placed anywhere within the town lines by the town/city or an appropriate contractor, with the exception of state right-of-ways. Signs to be placed within a state right-of-way can only be erected upon state highways, other than interstate highways, divided portions of the New Hampshire turnpike system and limited access highways. Approval for sign installations must be received before a sign is installed. To obtain approval, fill out the form on the reverse side and submit to DES. DES will review the application, and if necessary submit it to DOT. Once approved, DES will place the order with the Department of Corrections for the signs to be made. One form must be submitted for each location.

Sign Measurement

The primary sign is 30 inches long and 12 inches high. The secondary sign is 24 inches square. Signs must be installed as depicted in the adjacent graphic.

Estimated Cost

DES will provide funding for primary river signs and secondary river signs if funding is available. If funding is not available, the local advisory committee is responsible for finding funding to cover all costs associated with the production and installation of the signs. The following provides a breakdown of the costs.



Primary sign (\$25) + Secondary sign (\$46) + Sign post (\$16) + 2 sets of hardware (\$2) = \$89

Please note that it is expected that most locations will require two sets of signs, one facing traffic on either side of the road. Therefore, two sign sets cost \$178.

Questions

Please contact Laura Weit, NHDES Lakes and Rivers Assistant Planner, at (603) 271-8811 or lweit@des.state.nh.us.



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Installation Notification Form

In the box provided please draw a site map indicating the location of the designated river, the name of the town(s) the designated river is located in, and the proposed location of the sign installation. Please use one form per site. If applicable identify the distance the designated river sign will be from a nearby recognizable intersection, showing the distance from the edge of the pavement, and the route number or road name. Please be as accurate as possible.

I acknowledge and agree to all criteria listed on the reverse side of this document. I understand that the sign specifications listed by the Department of Environmental Services may not be altered.

Elected or Authorized Municipal Official

Name: _____ Town: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director of the Department of Public Works

Name: _____ Town: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chair of Local Advisory Committee

Name: _____ River: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bill to be sent to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Quantity of Equipment:

____ primary signs
____ secondary signs
____ posts
____ sets of hardware
(1 per sign needed)

Department of Corrections will mail a bill upon delivery.

Proposed sign location(s) site map

Return to: Rivers Management and Protection Program
NH Department of Environmental Services
PO Box 95
Concord NH, 03302-0095

Or fax to: (603) 271-7894

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